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Please replace the paragraph starting on p. 31, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

In one embodiment, the approximate solution is selected by optimizing this error in some manner. One useful technique for optimizing this error is referred to as the least squares method. For more information about the least squares method, see, for example, "The Method of Least Squares," engineering fundamentals, at [http://www.efunda.com/math/least\\_squares/least\\_squares.cfm](http://www.efunda.com/math/least_squares/least_squares.cfm), printed ~~Oct. 25, 2001 and listed in Appendix D~~ which was available for download from the website of eFunda on October 25, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. The least squares method minimizes the residual sum of squares (rss), which is represented as equations (8)-(10) follows:

Please delete Appendices A, B, C, and D on pages <sup>34</sup>~~36~~ to 56.